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Southt. ff. Ad General. Quarterial. Seſſion. Pacis Domini Regis tent. pro Com. prædict. apud Caſtrum Winton. in Com. prædict. Die Martis Octavo Die *Octobris* Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundi Triceſimo coram *Carolo* Domino *De la Warr*, *Hugone Stewkeley*, Baronett. *Carolo Lee*, Mil. *Thoma Cole*, Ar. *Olivero St. John*, Ar. *Willielmo Wither*, Ar. & aliis Juſticiariis, *&c.*

Forasmuch, as the grand Inqueſt hath informed this Court that the daily concourſe and great increaſe of Rogues, Vagabonds, and ſturdy Beggars is a great grievance and annoyance to the Inhabitants of this County, and through the negligence, or ignorance of thoſe Officers, who have been intruſted in this concern, they are now grown ſo inſolent and preſumptuous, that they have oft by threats and menaces extorted Money and Victuals, from thoſe who live in Houſes far remote from Neighbours, whilſt their Husbands and Servants have been employed abroad in the management of their lawfull Vocations: and have put the people in a general Conſternation or Fear, that they will fire their Houſes, or ſteal their Goods; the Conſequences may prove very dangerous if not timely prevented. Wherefore this Court taking into their ſerious Conſideration what remedies may be moſt properly applied to theſe growing miſchiefs, do Order and Command all chief Conſtables, petty Conſtables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and all other Officers herein concerned, that they do forthwith cauſe all the Laws and Statutes heretofore made againſt Rogues, Vagabonds, and ſturdy Beggars, wandring and idle Perſons, to be put in Execution, and to that end it is here Ordered,

7 Jam. 4. 1. That all High Conſtables, petty Conſtables, Tythingmen, and other Officers herein concerned ſhall within their ſeveral and reſpective Limits make privy ſearch, One every Week (and oftner if need be) in all Houſes, Victualling Houſes, Barns, and other ſuſpected places in the Night time, for the finding out and apprehending of Rogues, Vagabonds, ſturdy Beggars, wandring and idle perſons; and they ſhall alſo apprehend all ſuch Rogues, *&c.* who travel with forged and counterfeit Paſſes in the Day time, and all ſuch 39 Eliz. 4. Perſons which they ſhall apprehend in ſuch ſearch, or ſhall take begging, wandring, *&c.* affordering themſelves, the Conſtable, Headborough, or Tythingman, being aſſiſted with the Miniſter, and ſome other of the Pariſh, ſhall cauſe to be ſtripped naked from the middle upward, and to be openly whipped untill their Bodies be bloudy.

9 Eliz. 4. 2. That the Conſtable, *&c.* ſhall ſtrictly examine all and every Perſon and Perſons, who ſhall produce any Teſtimonial or Paſſe, to travel to any particular place within this Realm; and if they ſhall find that any ſuch Teſtimonial be not Signed under the Hand and Seal of ſome Juſtice of the Peace of ſome County, or the Mayor or head Officer of ſome Town Corporate, or the Conſtable of ſome Pariſh, or the Miniſter, Headborough, or Tythingman of ſome Pariſh from whence the Party came, or any two of them; or if the Party be not in the direct Road homewards, or within the time limited by the Teſtimonial or Paſſe, or that the Party begs by the way of any Perſon; ſuch Perſons ſo offending in any of theſe Caſes ſhall be whipped, as aforeſaid.

3. When any Rogue, *&c.* hath been whipped, the Miniſter, Conſtable, *&c.* of the Pariſh where he was ſo whipped, or any two of them ſhall give him a Paſſe or Teſtimonial under their Hands and Seals, in this or the like form, *&c.*

J. R. *A ſturdy Vagrant Beggar, of tall Stature, gray Hair'd, and blind of the left Eye, aged about forty Years, was ſuch a Day and Year openly whipped at* D. *in the County of* Hants, *according to the Law for a wandring Rogue; and is aſſigned to paſs from Pariſh to Pariſh by the Officers thereof, the next ſtraight way to* A. *in the County of* Wilts; *where (as he confeſſeth) he was Born, and he is limited to be at* A. *aforeſaid, within ten Days now next enſuing, at his Peril. Given under the Hands and Seals of* J. S. *Miniſter of* D. *aforeſaid, and* B. D. *Conſtables there.*

4. And if ſuch Rogue, *&c.* by his own default exceed the time limited by any ſuch Teſtimonial or Paſſe, he ſhall from time to time receive the like puniſhment. And the Miniſter of ſuch Pariſh ſhall Regiſter ſuch Teſtimonial upon the penalty of 5 *s.*

39 Eliz. 4. 5. When ſuch Teſtimonial is thus made, every Rogue, *&c.* ſhall be forthwith ſent from Pariſh to Pariſh, by the Officers of every reſpective Pariſh through this County the next ſtraight way to the place of his Birth; and if that cannot be known, then to the place where he laſt dwelt by the ſpace of one whole year before the ſame puniſhment, there to be ſet to work; and if that cannot be known, then to the Pariſh through which he laſt paſſed without puniſhment; and the Officers of that Pariſh ſhall convey the Perſon to the Houſe of Correction, or the Common Gaol of the County, there to be employed in work untill he ſhall be placed in ſome Service for the ſpace of one Year, or not being able of Body, untill he ſhall be placed in ſome Alms-houſe in the County.

14 Car. 2. 12. 1 Jam. 7. 6. When any Rogue, *&c.* ſhall be brought by any Officer, to any Pariſh, with ſuch Teſtimonial or Paſſe, the Conſtable there ſhall give him neceſſary relief for his paſſage, and then convey him by himſelf or ſome other perſon to the Officers of the next Pariſh, in the way to the Pariſh directed by the Teſtimonial or Paſs. And if any Conſtable, *&c.* be negligent, and do not his beſt endeavour to apprehend ſuch Rogues, *&c.* idle or diſorderly perſons, and cauſe them to be puniſhed, and conveyed away as aforeſaid, He ſhall forfeit 20 *s.* for every ſuch Offence, and if any perſon whatſoever ſhall hinder the puniſhment or conveyance of any Rogue, or ſhall make Reſcouſe againſt any Officer, or hinder the Execution of theſe Laws, he ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence 5 *s.* and be bound to his good behaviour.

39 Eliz. 4. 7. That if any ſuch Rogue ſhall be incorrigible, and ſhall ſeem dangerous, or will not be reformed of his Roguiſh Life, then the Conſtable, *&c.* ſhall convey him to ſome Juſtice of the Peace, to be committed to the Houſe of Correction.

39 Eliz. 4. 8. That the Conſtable, *&c.* ſhall give neceſſary relief, and provide lodging for impreſt Souldiers, or Seafaring-men ſuffering Shipwrack, not having wherewith to relieve themſelves in their travels homewards, and having a Teſtimonial under the Hand of ſome Juſtice of the Peace, of, or near the place where they Landed, declaring the place and time of their Landing, the place of the Petitioners dwelling, or Birth, unto which they be to paſs, and the time limited for their paſſage, ſo that ſuch Seafaring-men be in the direct way homewards, and within the time limited for their paſſage. And that no Conſtable or other Officer give relief to any other perſons than thoſe that have been whipped, or otherwiſe qualified, as aforeſaid.

39 Eliz. 17. 9. If any Souldiers or Mariners fall ſick in their paſſage home, they ſhall be excuſed though they exceed the time limited in the Teſtimonial, ſo that they perform their journey in convenient time after their recovery.

39 Eliz. 17. 10. That wandring Souldiers, or Mariners, and all others wandring as Souldiers, or Mariners, who will not ſettle themſelves to work, or have not a Teſtimonial under the Hand of ſome Juſtice of the Peace, near the place of their landing, declaring the place where they landed, the place whither they are to paſs, and the time of their paſſage; or exceeding the time limited above fourteen days, or having a counterfeit Teſtimonial, ſhall in all theſe caſes ſuffer as Felons, without any benefit of the Clergy.

1 Jam. 11. 11. The Conſtable, Deputy-Conſtable, Headborough, and Tythingman, ſhall go from houſe to houſe, and give notice to every Houſholder in perſon within their reſpective limits, that they take care, that neither they, nor any of their Servants ſhall from thenceforth receive any Rogue, *&c.* wandring, or diſorderly perſon, or any other perſon, unleſſe poor Inhabitants of the ſame Pariſh licenſed to beg by the Officers, who ſhall happen to beg at any of their houſes. But if they ſee or know any ſuch perſon to beg, they ſhall forthwith ſend or convey him to the Conſtable, *&c.* in order to be whipped according to Law upon the penalty of 10 *s.* for every ſuch Offence, and to be proſecuted for the ſame at the next Seſſions.

1 Jam. 7. 12. That no Houſekeeper, or other perſon whatſoever, ſhall permit or ſuffer any Rogue, *&c.* wandring, or diſorderly perſon, to lodge, or abide within their Houſes, Barns, or Out-Houſes, near home or remote in the Fields. But upon knowledge thereof they ſhall forthwith give notice to the Conſtable, *&c.* of the ſame Pariſh, to the intent that ſuch Offenders may be puniſhed according to Law, upon pain that every Houſekeeper, or other perſon ſhall forfeit 10 *s.* for every ſuch Offence.

13. That if any Ale-houſe-keeper, or Victualler, ſhall from henceforth relieve, entertain, lodge or harbour in their Victualling-houſes any Rogues, *&c.* wandring, or diſorderly perſon, without ſpecial Order from the Conſtable, or Tythingman of the ſame Pariſh, their Victualling houſes ſhall be ſuppreſt, and they ſhall be further dealt with according to Law.

24 Car. 2. 12. 14. That every perſon, who ſhall bring any Rogue, *&c.* before any Juſtice of the Peace, ſhall have 2 *s.* allowed him for his pains, to be paid by the Conſtable of the Pariſh through which ſuch a Rogue laſt paſt unpuniſhed, and ſuch Juſtice of the Peace is defired to grant a Warrant to Levy the ſame.

15. That the Conſtable of every reſpective Pariſh ſhall not charge or compell the Inhabitants of any Village, Town, Pariſh, or Hamlet, to pay any Money to their rates concerning impreſt Souldiers, Mariners, Rogues, Vagrants, or other diſorderly perſons, than to the uſe expreſſed as aforeſaid. And if they do, the ſame ſhall not be allowed upon their Accounts.

16. That Chief Conſtables, Petty Conſtables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and all other Officers herein concerned, ſhall uſe their utmoſt endeavours to execute thoſe Laws, and ſhall give an account upon Oath in Writing, under the Hand of the Miniſter of every reſpective Pariſh to the Juſtices of the Peace, at their Meetings for their reſpective Diviſions. And in default of ſuch Meetings, to the Juſtices at the next Quarter Seſſions, what Rogues and Vagabonds, wandring, or diſorderly perſons they have apprehended, and how many they have puniſhed, upon the penalty of 40 *s.* for every ſuch Offence. And moreover they ſhall alſo preſent at the next Quarter Seſſions, all Houſe-keepers, Ale-houſe-keepers, or Victuallers, who have relieved at their Doors, or have lodged or harboured in their Houſes, Out-houſes or Barns, any ſuch Rogues, Vagabonds, or ſturdy Beggars, to the intent they may be proſecuted according to Law. And that in the mean time, they cauſe all thoſe Laws and Directions to be publickly read in their reſpective Pariſh Churches, or at the Church Door, and to be regiſtred in their reſpective Pariſh Books, there to be kept and preſerved for the better Information and Example of thoſe that ſhall ſucceed them.

Tho. Cobbe, Clericus Pacis Com' prædict'.

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